



Montgomery County Council

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COUNCILMEMBER EWING TO RECEIVE "HERO" AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP FROM MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES

Councilmember Blair Ewing, past president of the Montgomery County Council and chair of the Council's Health & Human Services Committee, will be honored for his leadership on mental health issues by the Montgomery County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill at their third annual "Heroes Banquet" on May 2 in Rockville.

Also honored will be United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, who has been a leader nationally in the fight to give parity in health insurance for mental health conditions. The banquet will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM at the Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville.

Councilmember Ewing's efforts have put the crisis in the mental health system in Montgomery County and statewide on the front burner of public policymakers over the past couple of years. His actions have helped to energize the community in support of progressive initiatives, and to gain Council approval for funding to keep mental health clinics from closing their doors. He won approval for the independent Blue Ribbon Task Force on Mental Health whose recent report called for fundamental changes in the way the County delivers mental health services.

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